

Draft Plan Review Process: Key Elements

Prevention/Early Intervention
Innovative Programs
Community Services and Supports
Education/Training
Technology/Capital Facilities

Guiding Principles

- Straightforward and efficient: gets funds to communities
- Flexible: adapts to complexity of task
- Responsive to MHSA: differentiates approval authority for PEI and Innovative Programs from comment responsibility for other MHSA components
- Informed: review team members contribute expertise specific to each MHSA component
- Transparent: all meetings are public
- Responsible: includes review tools with explicit criteria
- Unifying: promotes learning and communication about various MHSA components

Comments and Suggestions

These suggestions and comments, presented for discussion, have not been included in the proposed review process.

- Review Committee reviews funding requests; there are no review teams specific to each MHSA component
- Only Commissioners review funding requests; expert advisors and stakeholders do not participate
- OAC, not Review Committee, appoints advisors and stakeholders to review teams
- OAC appoints alternate staff to serve on Review Committee in case of vacancies

Comments and Suggestions continued

- OAC or Review Committee, not Commissioners on review teams, determine review timetable for each MHSA component
- OAC and DMH conduct joint review of funding requests
- OAC does not approve all statewide programs for PEI and Innovative Programs
- Specific standards are adopted to determine whether review criteria have been met (overall or by component)
- DMH and OAC coordinate information provided in response to questions from counties and others about plan review